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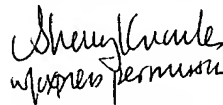
Claims 23-30 are pending.

Claims 23-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Medford *et al.*, WO 98/51662. WO 98/51662, filed May 14, 1998, claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/047,020, filed May 14, 1997. WO 98/51662 is the foreign filing of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/079,213, filed May 14, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,147,250, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/047,020, filed May 14, 1997. The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/060,734, now U.S. Patent No. 6,617,352, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/370,046, now U.S. Patent No. 6,548,699, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/079,213, now U.S. Patent No. 6,147,250. Thus, PCT WO 98/51662 is not prior art to the above-referenced application because this application claims priority to U.S. Application No. 09/079,213.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this application he/she is invited to contact the undersigned. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees not provided herewith, or credit any payment, associated with this filing to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

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